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Governor Martin O'Malley
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The EARN Maryland Program: Implementation Grant Solicitation



EARN Maryland is a state-funded, workforce development grant program which provides Maryland employers with the talent they need to compete and grow in the changing economy. Implementation grants, which will be awarded in June 2014, will fund training for employees in the skills that employers require for employment. The deadline for implementation grant proposals is March 31, 2014.

To learn more about the application process, join the EARN Maryland Implementation Grant Solicitation Pre-Proposal Web Conference, **today, Friday, January 31, 2014 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** The webinar is open to EARN Maryland planning grantees, emerging partners, potential applicants, and other interested stakeholders. The discussion will include the grant solicitation process and a question and answer session.

Click [here](#) to register for the webinar.

Click [here](#) for more information about the EARN Maryland program.

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day



February 7, 2014 is National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD). This initiative is used to encourage HIV testing and treatment among African Americans. In the U.S. African Americans represent 14% of the population and account for approximately 44% of new HIV infections each year. Since testing is essential to prevent HIV in African Americans, it is the focus of NBHAAD. Get involved by organizing a testing and awareness event, educating others about the importance of HIV prevention, or supporting a local HIV/AIDS service provider.

Click [here](#) for more information about National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

Click [here](#) to access the 2014 National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Toolkit.

View the [SHIP measure](#) and [tools](#) for reducing new HIV infections among adults and adolescents.

2014 Maryland Million Hearts Symposium



The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in partnership with the Delmarva Foundation, aims to maximize Maryland's efforts to prevent and control cardiovascular disease by convening stakeholders at the 2014 Maryland Million Hearts Symposium. The statewide summit will take place on **Wednesday, February 19, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** at the BWI Marriott in Linthicum Heights, MD. This day-long summit will focus on initiatives to prevent deaths from heart disease and stroke, and strategies to identify, control and improve hypertension in various community and healthcare settings.

Click [here](#) to register.

View the [SHIP measure](#) and [tools](#) for reducing deaths from heart disease.

The Health Consequences of Smoking-50 Years of Progress: A Report of the Surgeon General, 2014



Public Service Announcement - 5.6 Million Children

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first Surgeon General's report on the impact of smoking on health *The Health*

Consequences of Smoking - 50 Years of Progress, 2014 was recently released. The report includes a retrospective of the past 50 years of tobacco use prevention and control efforts and discusses the current status of the tobacco use epidemic.

According to the report, more than 20 million Americans have died as a result of smoking since the first report in 1964. Most were adults with a history of smoking, however, nearly 2.5 million were nonsmokers who died from exposure to second hand smoke. Conclusions from the report suggest that since 1964, tobacco control programs and policies have been effective for controlling tobacco use.

Click [here](#) for more information and to access the report.

View the [**SHIP measure**](#) and [**tools**](#) for reducing the proportion of adults who smoke.

View the [**SHIP measure**](#) and [**tools**](#) for reducing tobacco use among adolescents.

2014 Mid-Atlantic Telehealth Resource Center (MATRC) Telehealth Summit



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Join the Mid-Atlantic Telehealth Resource Center (MATRC) on March 30 - April 1, 2014 in Fredericksburg, VA for the 2014 MATRC Telehealth Summit focusing on the value and sustainability of telehealth. The summit will examine how telehealth adds value to patients, practitioners, hospitals, health systems and other facilities. Participants will explore the concept of "value-added" through an interactive program with details from a patient's case history through primary care, inpatient hospitalization and post-discharge. The summit will conclude with a session on financial and business models for providing sustainable telehealth services. Early bird registration ends January 31, 2014.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Click [here](#) to register.